Sensitive areas in the country

784. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN:'
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of sensitive areas in various States of the country that are affected by casteist or communal roits or tension:

(b) if so, the names of these areas alongwith the States they are in;

(c) the nature of tensions prevailing in each of the said areas; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to defuse tension in the said areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government is aware that there are a number of areas in the country which are affected by various law and order problems including caste and communal tensions. However, the specific areas affected by such problems vary from time to time. The major causative factors behind such tensions include land disputes, atrocities against Scheduled Castes/religious groups, trespassing and damaging crops, molestation of women, prevention of persons from participating in religious festivities, damage/desecration of statues of leaders by rival caste groups etc.

(d) Central Government shares available intelligence inputs with the concernent State Government to enable them to take appropriate action. Central Government also provides assistance to State Government in the form of deployment of Para-military forces as well as by way of assistance for raising India Reserve Battalions. Communal harmony guildlines have been issued to all State and U.Ts. to prevent/defuse communal tension.

Amending the FCRA

785. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to stae:

(a) whether the Union Government is considering to amend the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act of 1976 to completely decentralise the regulatory mechanism concerning foreign contributors;